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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

S I R:

This is a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment in the above-identified patent application.

Attached hereto is a Declaration by Raymond D. Thompson, the attorney currently handling the above-identified matter, stating the facts as they are known to him.

Applicants respectfully request that the Holding of Abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn for the reasons set forth in the Declaration.

No fee is believed to be due for filing this Petition. However, if it is determined that a fee is required, please charge deposit account no. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF RAYMOND D. THOMPSON IN SUPPORT OF
 PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

S I R:

This is a Declaration in support of the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment in the above-identified patent application. The sequence of events is as follows:

1. My name is Raymond D. Thompson. I have been Senior Patent Counsel at Pfizer Inc. since February 2001, and am the attorney currently handling the above-identified matter.
2. Pfizer Inc. acquired Warner Lambert LLC, the assignee of the above-identified patent application in May 2000.

3. The present application was filed on May 27, 1999 with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and was assigned Ser. No. 09/320,822.

4. An Office Action was mailed on January 6, 2000 in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the Office Action is attached as Appendix A to this Petition.

5. A Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal was filed on July 5, 2000 along with a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a). A copy of the CPA Request Transmittal, accompanying Petition for Extension of Time, the Express Mail label, and unstamped Postcard Receipt are attached as Appendix B to this Petition.

6. We thereafter received the stamped Postcard Receipt indicating that the CPA Request Transmittal and accompanying Petition for Extension of Time were timely received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2000. A copy of the stamped Postcard Receipt is attached as Appendix C to this Petition.

7. On February 28, 2003 we phoned the United States Patent and Trademark Office requesting the status of the present application.

8. A copy of a pertinent portion of a Pfizer status report of January 17, 2003 indicating the present application as pending is attached as Appendix D to this Petition.

9. On March 3, 2003, a Mr. Crate (spelling unsure) left a voice message informing us that Application Ser. No. 09/320,822 had become abandoned. Mr. Crate further mentioned that he was not sure where the file would be and that should we need to track it down, we should contact the SPE 3724 at (703) 308-1082 and speak to Mr. Alan Shoap.

10. Upon further investigation, I learned on March 13, 2003 that a Notice of Abandonment dated October 24, 2000 was issued in the above-identified application stating that the application was abandoned for Applicants' failure to respond to the Office letter mailed on January 6, 2000.

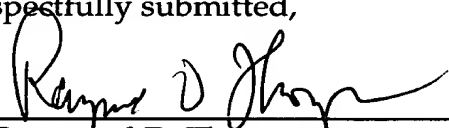
11. Since Applicants' last communication with the PTO involved filing a CPA Request along with a Petition for Extension of Time in a timely manner, Applicants respectfully submit that the holding of abandonment was improper and should therefore be withdrawn pursuant to MPEP § 711.03(c).

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